

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENT DETECTION
AND SUPPRESSION OF CORRUPTED FIBRE CHANNEL
FRAMES IN A PROTECTED TRANSMISSION MEDIUM**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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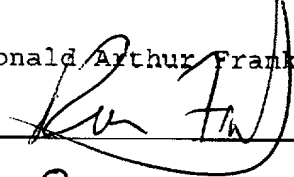
of Cassan Maclean, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including the power to appoint one or more associate attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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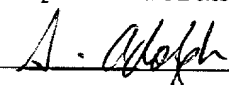
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IN THE MATTER OF United States
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and entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD
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CHANNEL FRAMES IN A PROTECTED
TRANSMISSION MEDIUM

ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
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THE UNDERSIGNED, LYNN S. CASSAN, Registration No. 32,378,
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